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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No.: To Be Assigned; Filed: Herewith (*March 3, 2004*)
For: **Methods and Systems for Preparing Virtual Representations of
Molecules**
Inventor: Frank P. HOLLINGER, Ph.D.
Our Ref: 1866.0220001/PEG/CMB

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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
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- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. specification containing:
 - i. **24** pages of description prior to the claims;

- ii. 24 pages of claims (115 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - c. 16 sheets of drawings (FIGs. 1, 2, 3A-3H, 4, 5A-5B, 6, 7A-7B, 8 and 9).
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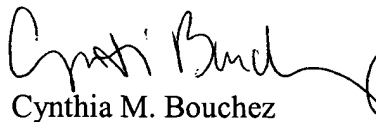
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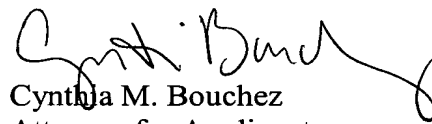
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